

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A content processing hardware apparatus connected ~~configured so as to be capable of connecting for communication at least to a content reproduction apparatus which reproduces contents and capable of connecting for communication to a management server which manages said content processing apparatus for recording and/or reproducing contents and the content reproduction apparatus, the content processing apparatus~~ comprising:

a reproduction control section configured to control ~~for controlling~~ reproduction of a content, ~~which is distributed with a source ID and a group ID applied thereto, wherein the source ID is based on a first source ID list which is retained by said content processing apparatus itself and indicates providing sources of contents whose reproduction is to be permitted and to which a said group ID is produced in a unit of a user and is added when said content processing apparatus is registered in a unit of a user [[into]] at said management server;~~

a ~~first~~ display configured to display ~~section for displaying~~ title information of contents stored in the connected content reproduction apparatus;

a selection section configured to receive an input ~~for~~ selecting the title information of the contents displayed on said first display section;

a requesting section configured to request ~~for requesting~~ transfer of a content corresponding to the title information selected by said selection section to said content processing apparatus;

a transfer mode detection section configured to detect ~~for detecting~~ a transfer mode of the connected content reproduction apparatus;

a first transfer processing section configured to detect ~~for detecting, where the transfer mode detected by said transfer mode detection section is a first mode,~~ whether the content corresponding to the title information selected by said selection section is a content previously transferred from said content processing apparatus to the content reproduction apparatus and for updating, ~~where the content is a content transferred from said content processing apparatus,~~ right information corresponding to the content stored in said content processing apparatus and deleting right information corresponding to the content stored in the content reproduction apparatus; and

a second transfer processing section for detecting, ~~where the transfer mode detected by said transfer mode detection section is a second mode,~~ whether or not the group ID applied to said content processing apparatus is included in a second source ID list stored in the content reproduction apparatus, ~~detecting, where the group ID is included in the second source ID list, whether the content corresponding to the title information selected by said selection section is stored in said content processing apparatus and transferring, where the content is not stored in said content processing apparatus,~~ the content corresponding to the title information selected by said selection section from the content reproduction apparatus to said content processing apparatus.

2. (Currently Amended) The content processing hardware apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising:

a first operation display section configured to display ~~for displaying~~ a first operation section for issuing an instruction to said requesting section; and

said requesting section configured to request ~~requesting~~ the transfer in response to an operation of said first operation section.

3-4. (Canceled)

5. (Currently Amended). A computer program embodied on a computer-readable hardware storage medium for causing a content processing hardware apparatus, which is ~~configured so as to be capable of connecting for communication~~ connected to at least to a content reproduction apparatus ~~which reproduces contents and capable of connecting for communication to a management server which manages said content processing apparatus for recording and/or reproducing contents and the content reproduction apparatus,~~ to execute:

a reproduction controlling process for controlling reproduction of a content, ~~which is~~ distributed with a source ID and a group ID applied thereto, wherein the source ID is based on a first source ID list which is retained by said content processing apparatus ~~itself~~ and indicates providing sources of contents whose reproduction is to be permitted and said ~~to~~ which a group ID is produced in a unit of a user and is added when said content processing apparatus is registered in a unit of a user ~~[[into]]~~ at said management server;

a first displaying process for displaying title information of contents stored in the connected content reproduction apparatus;

a selection process for selecting the title information of the contents displayed by the first displaying process;

a requesting process for requesting transfer of a content corresponding to the title information selected by the selection process to said content processing apparatus;

a transfer mode detection process for detecting a transfer mode of the connected content reproduction apparatus;

a first transfer processing process for detecting, ~~where the transfer mode detected by the transfer mode detection process is a first mode,~~ whether the content corresponding to the title information selected by the selection process is a content previously transferred from

said content processing apparatus to the content reproduction apparatus and for updating, ~~where the content is a content transferred from said content processing apparatus,~~ right information corresponding to the content stored in said content processing apparatus and deleting right information corresponding to the content stored in the content reproduction apparatus; and

a second transfer processing process for detecting, ~~where the transfer mode detected by the transfer mode detection process is a second mode,~~ whether or not the group ID applied to said content processing apparatus is included in a second source ID list stored in the content reproduction apparatus, ~~detecting, where the group ID is included in the second source ID list,~~ whether the content corresponding to the title information selected by the selection process is stored in said content processing apparatus and transferring, ~~where the content is not stored in said content processing apparatus,~~ the content corresponding to the title information selected by the selection process from the content reproduction apparatus to said content processing apparatus.

6. (Currently Amended) A content processing method implemented using a content processing hardware apparatus, which is connected to ~~configured so as to be capable of connecting for communication~~ at least to a content reproduction apparatus ~~which reproduces contents and capable of connecting for communication to~~ a management server ~~which manages said content processing apparatus for recording and/or reproducing contents and the content reproduction apparatus,~~ comprising the steps of:

controlling reproduction of a content, ~~which is distributed with a source ID~~ and a group ID applied thereto, wherein the source ID is based on a first source ID list which is retained by said content processing apparatus itself and indicates providing sources of contents whose reproduction is to be permitted and ~~said to which a group ID is produced in a~~

unit of a user and is added when said content processing apparatus is registered in a unit of a user ~~[[into]]~~ at said management server;

displaying title information of contents stored in the connected content reproduction apparatus;

selecting the title information of the contents displayed by the first displaying process;

requesting transfer of a content corresponding to the selected title information to said content processing apparatus;

detecting a transfer mode of the connected content reproduction apparatus;

detecting, ~~where the transfer mode detected by the transfer mode detection process is a first mode,~~ whether the content corresponding to the title information selected by the selection process is a content previously transferred from said content processing apparatus to the content reproduction apparatus and for updating, ~~where the content is a content transferred from said content processing apparatus,~~ right information corresponding to the content stored in said content processing apparatus and deleting right information corresponding to the content stored in the content reproduction apparatus; and

detecting, ~~where the transfer mode detected by the transfer mode detection process is a second mode,~~ whether ~~or not~~ the group ID applied to said content processing apparatus is included in a second source ID list stored in the content reproduction apparatus, ~~detecting, where the group ID is included in the second source ID list, whether the content corresponding to the title information selected by the selection process is stored in said content processing apparatus and transferring, where the content is not stored in said content processing apparatus,~~ the content corresponding to the title information selected by the selection process from the content reproduction apparatus to said content processing apparatus.

7. (New) A content processing hardware apparatus, comprising:

- a processor configured to control reproduction of a content;
- a display configured to display title information of contents stored in a content reproduction apparatus connected to the content processing apparatus;
- a user input configured to receive a selection of at least one of the contents stored in the content reproduction apparatus displayed on the display;
- the processor configured to determine a first transfer mode or a second transfer mode of the content based on mode setting information stored at the content processing apparatus;
- the processor configured to retrieve the content corresponding to the selection received at the input from the content reproduction apparatus and automatically delete the retrieved content from the content reproduction apparatus when the detected transfer mode is the first transfer mode; and
- the processor configured to retrieve the content corresponding to the selection received at the input from the content reproduction apparatus while maintaining a copy of the retrieved content at the content reproduction apparatus when the detected transfer mode is the first transfer mode.